## Congressman Alan Grayson

Orlando, FL 32819

December 2, 2009

General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463 RECEIVED
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RE: Complaint Against Angle G. Langley and MyCongressmanIsNuts.com

Dear General Counsel:

MUR# 6238

I am the Congressman for Florida's Eighth Congressional District ("FL-8"). Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437 and 11 C.F.R. Part 111, I am filing this complaint against Angie G. Langley, , Clermont, FL 34711, personally, and also against the campaign committee "MyCongressmanIsNuts.com," P.O. Box 1063, Orlando, FL 32802. Ms. Langley is the Treasurer of the committee (Ex. 1). The committee name corresponds to a website that attacks me, and only me, while soliciting contributions to be used against me.

### I. Committee and Website Name

Ms. Langley has chosen a name for her committee that is utterly tasteless and juvenile. Of the thousands of campaign committees reporting to the FEC, I doubt that any other one sinks this low. But that is not the primary purpose of this complaint.

By choosing the name "My Congressman is Nuts" for her committee, Ms. Langley is indicating that I am her Congressman. I am not her Congressman, and I have never been her Congressman. Ms. Langley resides

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at Clermont, FL 34711 (Ex. 2). This is many miles outside my district. Ms. Langley lives within FL-5, not FL-8.

Ms. Langley has deliberately masqueraded as a constituent of mine, in order to try to create the false appearance that she speaks for constituents who don't support me. This is fundamentally deceptive and fraudulent.

For instance, on Oct. 30, 2009, Ms. Langley appeared on a local TV station, Fox 35 (Ex. 3). Langley was introduced as being one of "some of his people [Grayson] represents [who are] getting really upset." Langley pretended to be a person whom I represent. During the interview, the interviewer said that Langley "lives in Lake County, one of districts that Congressman Grayson represents." Langley continued the charade that she lives in my district. She even claimed that "I have many friends who voted for him," to try to cement the misperception that she lives in FL-8.

Similarly, in an Oct. 31, 2009, interview in the Washington Times (Ex. 4), Ms. Langley falsely claimed that she lives "in the Lake County portion of Mr. Grayson's district" (Ex. 4).

Clearly, this was not some kind of innocent mistake. As the Washington Times pointed out, Ms. Langley was the head of the Lake County Republican Party. Someone in that position cannot help but know which Members of Congress represent her and her county.

Since I do not represent Ms. Langley in Congress, any fundraising effort of hers directed against me that begins with the phrase "My Congressman" is fundamentally dishonest and fraudulent.

### II. "Non-Connected Committee" Assertion

In the committee's Statement of Organization, Ms. Langley falsely claimed that the committee supports or opposes more than one candidate, and that it is not connected with any other organization (see Ex. 5). The website, however, clearly shows that the committee opposes only me. This also was true in the committee's news release, and Langley's statements in media coverage regarding the website. Moreover, in the Fox 35 interview,

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when the interviewer said "so your goal is to unseat him [meaning me]," Ms. Langley's response was "absolutely, that is our entire goal."

Furthermore, since Ms. Langley is a former Republican Party official, it strains credulity for her to assert that her committee is not connected with any other organization. Indeed, the avowed purpose of the committee is to raise money for the Republican nominee in next year's FL-8 election. Thus the committee is simply a device to skirt around contribution limits.

In short, the activities of Ms. Langley and the committee are awash with FECA violations. Every dollar that the committee has raised has been raised in violation of law. Indeed, among other things, Ms. Langley is personally guilty of the type of fraudulent misrepresentation specifically prohibited by 2 U.S.C. 441h.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that the FEC assess all applicable administrative and civil penalties, under 11 C.F.R. 111 and otherwise. This includes, but is not limited to, the assessment against Ms. Langley and the committee of a civil penalty equal to 1000 percent of the amount that the committee has raised or will raise. (In other words, I request that Ms. Langley be fined an amount equal to ten times what the committee raises.) Because Ms. Langley's violations are knowing and willful, I also ask that the FEC refer this violation to the Attorney General, for his consideration of all penalties, including but not limited to "imprison[ment] for not more than 5 years." 2 U.S.C. 437g(d).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 2

EX. 1

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Committee ID: C00469478

**MYCONGRESSMANISNUTS.COM** 

PO BOX 1063 ORLANDO, FL 32802

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Committee Type: NON-PARTY NON-QUALIFIED

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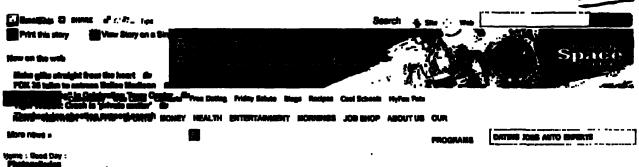
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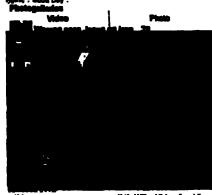
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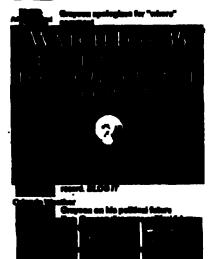
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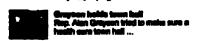




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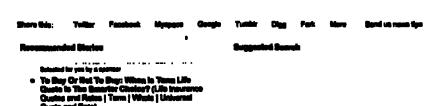
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Saturday, October 31, 2009

# Grayson's remarks drive voters 'Nuts'

#### S.A. Miller

A group of outraged Florida voters has launched the Web site MyCongressmanIsNuts.com in a drive to oust Democratic Rep. Alan Grayson, the outspoken lawmaker who grabbed national headlines after it was revealed that, among other comments, he called an adviser to the Federal Reserve chairman a "K Street whore" in a radio interview in September.

The site is raising money to defeat the Orlando-area congressman and the site's organizers describe it as a "more appropriate alternative" to Mr. Grayson's CongressmanWithGuts.com, which the Grayson campaign said helped to raise more than \$250,000 in the first three weeks of October.

The "Nuts" site took in about \$3,335 overnight after its Thursday evening launch, according to a donation ticker on the Web page.

"Alan Grayson's recent self-indulgent behavior has paralyzed his ability to serve as an advocate for the citizens of central Florida," the Web site says in a plea for contributions.

The site features YouTube videos of TV and cable news reports critical of Mr. Grayson's exploits.

"Every penny that we raise is going to go to exposing his policies and who he really is," said Angle Langley, 34, chairwoman of the recently formed political action committee behind the Web site. "We are going to flood the district with bumper stickers, yard signs, and we are prepared to launch radio and television ads - whatever it takes to make sure this guy is not re-elected."

Ms. Langley, a business development consultant in the Lake County portion of Mr. Grayson's district, said the PAC is not affiliated with a political party and is not backing any candidates. She is not new to politics, however, having previously served as chairman of the Lake County Republican Party.

The PAC's two other board members are a registered Republican and a registered libertarian.

Mr. Grayson's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Several Republicans have lined up to challenge Mr. Grayson, including a trio of "tea party" activists hoping to capitalize on the anti-tax, anti-big government movement that flourished over the summer. But national Republicans reportedly are looking for a stronger candidate in what has historically been a GOP-leaning district.

The Bronx, N.Y.-born Mr. Grayson, a wealthy businessman and lawyer, was a freshman House member virtually unknown on the national stage before his stinging rhetoric and take-no-prisoners style began to draw attention in September. That's when he stood on the House floor and said the Republican health care plan is "to die quickly if you get sick."

He responded to calls for an apology by apologizing instead to "the dead and their families that we haven't voted sooner to end this holocaust in America." He also set up his own Web site - NamesOfTheDead.com - that claims to list people who have died without health insurance.

He has described criticism of his frank comments as "Republican hissy fits." Some House Republicans talked of an official censure for Mr. Grayson over his health care remarks on the floor, but the effort died.

But on Tuesday Mr. Grayson did offer what he called "my sincere apology" to Linda Robertson, the adviser to Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke whom he called a "K Street whore" last month on the nationally syndicated "Alex Jones Show."

Such derogatory references to K Street, a base of many Washington lobbyists, are not unheard of in the nation's capital, but are usually reserved for private conversations and not nationally syndicated radio.

On the "Alex Jones Show," Mr. Grayson said: "This lobbyist, this K Street whore, is trying to teach me about economics."

The remark was widely criticized by Republicans and Democrats alike.

"This characterization of Ms. Robertson, made during a radio interview last month in the context of the debate over whether the Federal Reserve should be independently audited, was inappropriate, and I apologize," he said.

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EX.5

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## Contributions Received By This Candidate's Committee(s)

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Party: No Associated Party

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